



WE ARE GOING TO MAKE A RECORD!

WE HAD A GREAT SHOW WITH TEGAN AND SARA A FEW WEEKS AGO--I THOUGHT IT'D FIX ALL OUR PROBLEMS.



INSTEAD, I KIND OF CREATED MORE.



JUGHEAD'S STILL GONE. I KNOW HE'S IN L.A. SOMEWHERE, BUT IT'S CLEAR HE DOESN'T WANT TO BE ONE OF THE ARCHIES ANY-MORE.

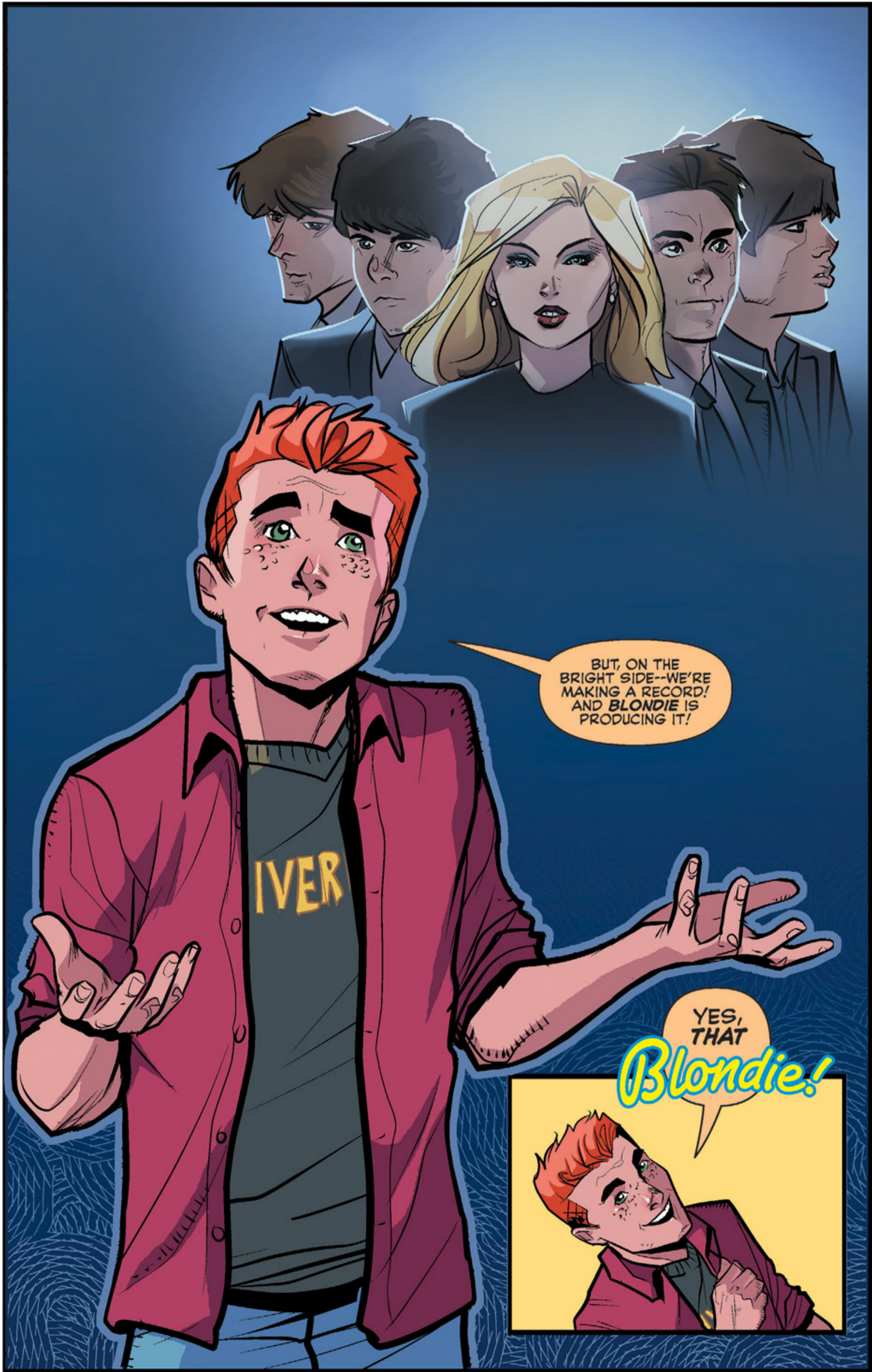


AND, I, uh, KIND OF HOOKED UP WITH VERONICA AFTER A SHOW IN SAN DIEGO.



SO--BETTY'S NOT REALLY TALKING TO ME, NEITHER IS VERONICA AND JUGHEAD'S DITCHED US. I GUESS THINGS COULD BE WORSE?



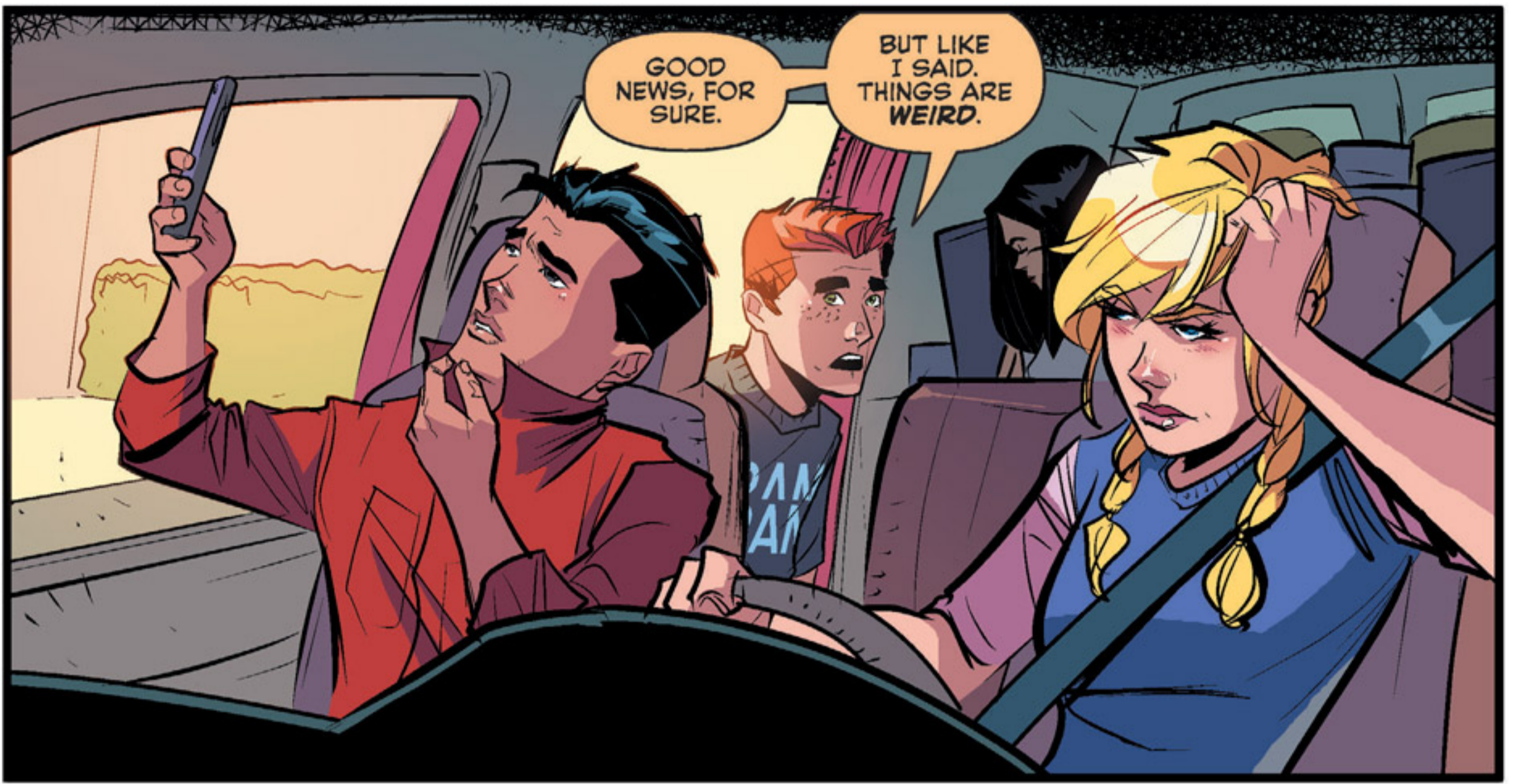


BUT, ON THE BRIGHT SIDE--WE'RE MAKING A RECORD! AND **BLONDIE** IS PRODUCING IT!

YES, THAT

*Blondie!*





THE NEXT NIGHT, WE WRAPPED UP A NOT-TERRIBLE SHOW AT LOS GLOBOS. BUT THAT WAS JUST THE OPENING ACT.

BETTY, WE NEED TO TALK.

NO, WE DON'T. SERIOUSLY. IT'S FINE. I DON'T CARE.

I DO CARE, THOUGH. AND I DON'T WANT TO FALL BACK INTO OLD RIVERDALE BEHAVIORS.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

BETTY, IT HAPPENED. YOU SAW IT. I COULD CALL IT A MOMENT OF WEAKNESS OR LAPSE OR WHATEVER, BUT THAT WOULDN'T BE FAIR TO YOU OR EVEN ARCHIE.

I DON'T CARE, OKAY? YOU MAKE A NICE PAIR. GO FORTH AND BE COUPLE-Y.

NOT THE POINT. WHATEVER HAPPENS BETWEEN ARCHIE AND ME, OR ARCHIE AND YOU--YOU'RE MY BEST FRIEND. THAT'S MY PRIORITY. THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO SAY.

O-O-KAY.



